



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Fraina et al)
Date Filed: August 8, 2001)
Serial No: 09/924,383) Group Art Unit: 1743
Title: Reagent Container and Canister for)
Use in an Automated Microbiological Analyzer)
Atty. Docket No.: MN-9091A)

PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), applicant respectfully petitions for a one month extension of time to file an Amendment and Response. The new time for filing such Amendment and Response will be May 15, 2004, extended pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0010 for \$110 dollars and no/100 (\$@.00) for the extension of time fee. An original plus two copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes. If any other charges are incurred or credited, please charge Deposit Account shown above.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 14th day of May, 2004.

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